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Dear Mr. Massy:

I am indeed honored by the advice in your letter of May 29 that the Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County has appointed me as a member of the Advisory Council to the Economic and Industrial Development Committee for a term of one year from May 28, 1958.

I am informed there is no legal objection to my acceptance of this appointment and personally look forward to participating in the Advisory Council.

There is one consideration, however, to which I believe I must invite the attention of yourself and Mr. William Simms. As an employee of the Federal Government I am, of course, subject to the laws and policies relating to conflicts of interest. It is probably impossible to foretell to what extent the legal and ethical standards involved would restrict my full participation in the work of the Advisory Council, but it would appear inappropriate for me to engage in any Advisory Council activity directed to the attraction of any specific industrial and commercial enterprise. On the other hand, it would appear quite appropriate for me to represent the Agency's position in regard to the general aims and endeavors of the Advisory Council, and if I correctly interpret your intention in my appointment, this is the type of participation you were seeking.

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In effect, I would act as a consultant for the special purpose of representing the Agency's views on general problems before the Advisory Council. If this concept is too restrictive for your purposes, do not hesitate to select another member as I would fully understand your position. If, however, the role outlined above is acceptable to you, I should be very glad to work with the Advisory Council. Perhaps you would prefer a compromise and have the Advisory Council designate me as a Special Consultant to represent the Government's interests, which would seem to be well within the authority of the Committee on Economic and Industrial Development.

If you desire my participation in one way or another, I need not remind you that I am not my own master on the question of availability. This is not meant to suggest that I would not want to give all the time and attention necessary, but merely to suggest that in the event I were unable to give the necessary time due to conflict with official duties I would like to have permission to have an alternate for the Agency represent me.

Very truly yours,

LKW